

Remarks

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2007.

I. Summary of Examiner's Objections/Rejections

Claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, and 25-27 were pending in the Application prior to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2007. The Office Action rejected claims 1-3, 10-13, 16-18, and 25-27.

The Office Action objected to Claim 3 as amended in the response filed 8/31/2007 as adding matter allegedly unsupported by the specification.

Claim 27 was objected to because it recited "... code for generating executable" instead of reciting "computer code."

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as adding matter allegedly unsupported by the specification.

Claims 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, for reciting "program code" instead of "computer code."

Claims 1-3, 10, 12, 16-18, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boehme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,191).

Claims 1-3, 10, 12, 16-18, and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boehme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,191) in view of Mellender et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,989,132).

Claims 11 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boehme et al. in view of Cohen et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,011,918).

Claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boehme et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,578,191) in view of Mellender et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,989,132).

II. Summary of Applicant's Response

This Reply amends claim 1, 10-13, and 27, and cancels claims 2-3, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1, 10-13, 16-18, and 25-27. The claims were amended to better describe embodiments of applicant's invention. Reconsideration of the claims is requested.

III. Response to Objections

Claims 1 and 27 were amended, and claim 3 was canceled, to better describe embodiments of applicant's invention. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is supported by several portions of the specification, including the first sentence of paragraph 13.

IV. Response to 35 U.S.C. 112 Rejections

Claims 1 and 10-13 were amended, and claim 3 was canceled, to better describe embodiments of applicant's invention. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 is supported by several portions of the specification, including the first sentence of paragraph 13.

V. Response to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 103(a) Rejections to Claims 1-3, 10, 12, 16-18, and 27

Claim 1

Claim 1 states:

A computer program product including a storage medium with instructions thereon for execution by a computer for high level dynamic code generation, the instructions comprising:

a) computer code for creating a class file container object that stores source code describing a class, wherein creating a class file container object includes selecting a class name and a super class for the class;

b) computer code for adding a first source code defining a method to the class stored in the class file container object;

c) computer code for adding a second source code into the method in the class stored in the class file container object;

d) computer code for repeating instructions b and c to populate the class stored in the class file container object;

e) computer code for generating a tree of statements and expressions based on the class stored in the class file container object;

f) computer code for using the tree of statements and expressions to generate byte code for the class; and

g) computer code for instantiating an instance of the class;

wherein the computer program product can generate code for any type of JavaTM program.

Claim 1 defines a computer program product including a storage medium with instructions thereon for execution by a computer for high level dynamic code generation. The instructions comprise: computer code for creating a class file container object that stores source code describing a class, wherein creating a class file container object includes selecting a class name and a super class for the class, computer code for adding a first source code defining a method to the class stored in the class file container object, computer code for adding a second source code into the method in

the class stored in the class file container object, computer code for repeating the previous two instructions to populate the class stored in the class file container object, computer code for generating a tree of statements and expressions based on the class stored in the class file container object, computer code for using the tree of statements and expressions to generate byte code for the class, and computer code for instantiating an instance of the class, wherein the computer program product can generate code for any type of JavaTM program.

In the Office Action mailed June 1, 2007, Claim 1 was rejected under 102(e) based on Boehme. In the response filed August 31, 2007, Applicant respectfully submitted that Boehme's method is not a high level dynamic generation method, and consequently is a different method with different steps. Boehme's "invention does not require generation of adapter source code ..." (Boehme, col. 2, lines 65-66). Boehme's FIG. 2 demonstrates creating bytecode for the parts of a class in steps 202-208 and then assembling the bytecode together into a class in step 209. This is in contrast with Applicant's Claim 1, which creates a source code file in steps a through d, then generates a tree of statements and expressions in step e, then generates byte code in step f. Applicant respectfully submitted that Boehme does not anticipate Claim 1 in the response filed August 31, 2007.

In the Office Action mailed September 25, 2007, Claim 1 was again rejected, this time under 102(e) based on Boehme and under 103(a) based on Boehme in view of Mellender. The Office Action disagreed with the fact that Boehme fails to teach a high-level dynamic code generation method that requires generation of source code.

First, the office action cited Boehme's col. 3, lines 47-49, where Boehme stated that his invention could be practiced using other high level programming languages besides the Java programming language. However, just because Boehme contemplated that his invention could be

used with other unspecified languages does not mean that Boehme's invention is a high-level dynamic generation method that requires generation of source code. Boehme's invention generates byte code, it does not generate source code.

Second, the office action cited the portion of Boehme where it explicitly stated that "the invention does not require generation of adapter source code." The office action then erroneously cited Col. 4, lines 30-46 as showing the source code for adapter class and objects. Col. 4, lines 30-46, does not show dynamically generated source code. Instead, Col. 4, lines 30-46, showed the code that is used to dynamically generate adapter byte code.

Independent Claim 1 (as amended) further requires, "wherein the computer program product can generate code for any type of JavaTM program." These features describe a difference between Claim 1 and the prior art references cited in the record. Under Claim 1, an embodiment of Applicant's invention can generate code for any type of JavaTM program. In contrast, Boehme teaches generating an adapter class requires extending `com.ibm.bml.EventAdapterImpl` (see column 4, lines 34-36). Boehme also provides that the "adapter specification will contain information necessary to ...reference the adapter superclasses ..." Boehme's invention does not teach that code can be dynamically generated for any type of JavaTM program.

Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiment as defined in Independent Claim 1 is neither anticipated by Boehme nor obvious in view of Mellender. Applicant respectfully requests that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 103(a) rejections to claim 1 be withdrawn.

Claims 10-12, 16-18, and 25-27

Dependent Claims 10-12, 16-18, and 25-27 depend from Claim 1. For at least the reasons discussed above, Dependent Claims 10-12, 16-18, and 25-27 are patentable. Dependent Claims 10-12, 16-18, and 25-27 add their own features which render them patentable in their own right.

VI. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and reconsideration is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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